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Office of Defense Mobilization  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Mr. Franklin G. Floete  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Floete:

The Continuity of Government Plan of the Federal Government in the field has progressed, under the coordination and guidance of the ten Regional Mobilization Committees of the Office of Defense Mobilization, to the point where we must begin to cope with the matter of communications. Our first phase goal should be the development of minimum communications capability sufficient to support the relocation plan of the Federal government. Accordingly, it is now timely, in fact essential that the General Services Administration bring the full weight of its experience and capabilities to bear on the nation-wide emergency communications problems for all Departments and Agencies of Government, by assuring active leadership in this vital area.

Inasmuch as the Regional Mobilization Committees are coordinating the relocation plan throughout all Regions, I am confident you will find them most cooperative and of inestimable value in your undertaking. I am advised that Mr. R. H. Gates, Director, Telecommunications Division, Public Buildings Service, has engaged in some preliminary planning and discussions with ODM and RMC staffs. I am also informed that the pattern is developing whereby your Regional representatives are chairing those Communications Sub-committees which have been organized to date in the RMCs.

I greatly appreciate these efforts by your organization and ask that you undertake the full responsibility for coordinating and assisting Federal government agencies in their relocation communications planning program. I should also appreciate a report from time to time on your progress.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur S. Flemming

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